

Appln No. 09/775,677
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action mailed July 12, 2006. Claims 14 and 89 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 15 and 17 have been amended. Claims 15-17, 22, 25-27, 30, 32-40, 74 and 86-88 are presently in the application. Claims 25-27, 32-36 and 74 are currently withdrawn.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 22, 30, 37-40 and 86-88 are allowed. Because claims 22 and 38 are generic and allowable, applicant respectfully requests that withdrawn claims 25-27, 32-36 and 74 now be considered and also allowed. Applicant also notes with appreciation that claims 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 has been amended to include all limitations from base claim 14. Accordingly, claim 15 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

On page 2 of the Office action, claims 14, 17 and 89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Phelps and on page 4 of the Office action, claim 89 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imran in view of Orth. Claims 14 and 89 are cancelled without prejudice. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 15 and therefore is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 15-17, 22, 25-27, 30, 32-40, 74 and 86-88.

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